



HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 12-6-2017 **TIME:** 2:10 PM – 2:50 PM **LOCATION:** Room 150

MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman Tarleton
BOARD ATTENDEES	Committee: Chairman Cullie Tarleton, Vice-Chairman John Pope, Landon Zimmer, Grady Hunt, Gus Tulloss, Terry Hutchens, Patrick Molamphy

AGENDA TOPICS

1. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES	
DISCUSSION SUMMARY	Motion to approve made by Board Member Pope, seconded by Board Member Molamphy.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Motion to approve minutes as written passed unanimously.
2. PROJECT ACCELERATION UPDATE: JOHN ROUSE, P. E., EASTERN DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEER AND RONNIE KEETER, P. E., DIVISION 4 ENGINEER	
DISCUSSION SUMMARY	<p>Mr. John Rouse discussed the Department's change in approach from "Project Delivery" to "Program Delivery". The Department will work on all projects in the Program (Years 1 – 10). This creates an opportunity to manage construction lets downstream, with projects planned, designed and ready to be let. In order to manage the Program, inflation and overrun adjustments are made to historical actuals for every STIP. Further, monthly project reviews are being conducted by Project Managers and Senior/Executive Staff for projects >\$100M. The Department has also put procedures in place to streamline the environmental document process. These changes will help expedite project delivery and completion dates. Over the 10-year STIP, 350 projects will be accelerated and 144 projects added to the STIP. Mr. Rouse discussed the C. F. Harvey parkway project as an example of how a large project could be accelerated. Mr. Ronnie Keeter also highlighted the Novo Nordisk Access Road project in Division 4 and discussed the keys to success to take this project from planning to construction in about two years. Mr. Rouse also discussed the Department's efforts to accelerate active construction projects. Accelerating active construction projects delivers the projects to the travelling public sooner and improves overall safety with decreased exposure time in the work zone for employees and motorists. Methods to accelerate include using materials that are less effected by weather conditions, evaluating traffic management strategies, and reviewing project designs for more efficient ways to construct projects. The lessons learned from these reviews may be integrated in the Department's normal business practices.</p>
ACTIONS TAKEN	N/A